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SUBJ: QADHAFI DEADLINES BREAK IN RELATIONS WITH EGYPT,
CONDEMNS SADAT, SYRIA

SUMMARY: QADHAFI THREATENS BREAK OF "REMAINING TIES"
WITH EGYPT ON SEPT. 1, IN RESPONSE EGYPTIAN POLICY
TOWARDS LAR. INTERIM PERIOD TIME FOR EGYPT TO RETHINK
THIS POLICY. CLAIMS EGYPTIAN, SUDANESE, SAUDI MILITARY
PACT AGAINST LAR, EGYPTAIN FORCES ON LAR EASTERN BORDER.
LARG WILL CLARIFY SUDANESE, SAUDI PARTICIPATION.
QADHAFI STATES SYRIA COMMITTED HISTORIC MISTAKE INVA-
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SION. COMMENT: PUBLIC STANCE REFLECTS SERIOUSNESS

OF QADHAFI'S INTENTIONS, DANGER OF EGYPTIAN CONCENTRATION ON LIBYAN BORDER. CONNECTION SYRIAN INVASION LEBANON AND OF NORTHERN FRONT AND WAR WITH ISRAEL EVER REOCCURRING THEME. END SUMMARY.

1. COL. QADHAFI STATED JULY 23, THAT HE WOULD BREAK ALL "REMAINING TIES" WITH EGYPT ON SEPTEMBER 1 ANNIVERSARY OF HIS REVOLUTION. AT THAT TIME COL. QADHAFI INDICATED HE WOULD RESPOND TO PRESENT ATTITUDE OF SADAT'S REGIME AND ITS CAMPAIGN OF SLANDER AND HATRED UNLEASHED AGAINST LUBYA AND ITS LEADERSHIP.

2. COL. QADHAFI, ADDRESSING 3RD CONFERENCE OF UNION OF ARAB NASSERITE UNIONIST STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS (SIC), SAID LIBYANS WILL DISCUSS EGYPTIAN ATTITUDE IN SERIES OF POPULAR CONFERENCES DURING AUGUST TO ADOPT NECESSARY MEASURES IN RESPONSE TO THIS ATTITUDE. QADHAFI STATED INTERIM PERIOD SUFFICIENT FOR EGYPTIAN TO "THINK MATTER OVER" AND "RETURN TO THIS SENSES."

3. QADHAFI CLAIMED HIS HAS REFRAINED FROM DIRECT CRITICISM OF SADAT THUS FAR BECAUSE HE WAS BEHAVING AS IF HE WERE 55 YEARS OLD (PRESUMABLY SADAT'S AGE). HOWEVER, QADHAFI INDICATED, HIS SEPT. 1 SPEECH WILL NOT BE IRRESPONSIBLE, BUT ONE OF WORDS OF ONE "WHO FEELS HIS RESPONSIBILITY." WHEN HE SPEAKS, QADHAFI SAID, HE WILL BREAK TIES, AND AFTERWARDS NEVER MEET WITH SADAT.

4. QADHAFI DESCRIBED EGYPTIAN, SUDAN, SAUDI MILITARY PACT AS AN ALLIANCE AGAINST LAR, AND ACCUSED SADAT OF CONCENTRATING EGYPTIAN FORCES ON LAR EASTERN BORDER. SADAT BEARS GRUDGE AGAINST LIBYANS QADHAFI CLAIMED, BECAUSE OF THEIR OIL AND DEVELOPMENT. GRUDGE HE SAID, IS ALSO BASED ON PERPETUATION OF "NASSER'S BANNER" WHICH CANNOT BE SEEN ANY LONGER IN EGYPT. QADHAFI ASSERTED LIBYA NOT GUILTY OF INGRATITUDE AND WILL CONTINUE TO WORK FOR NASSER'S PRINCIPLES.

5. QADHAFI ALSO INDICATED LARG WILL APPROACH SUDAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND SAUDI ARABIA TO DETERMINE IF ALLIANCE AGAINST LARG AND WHETHER THEY WERE "DRAGGED" INTO IT. (LARG AMBASSADOR REPORTED RECALLED FROM JIDDA FOR CONSULTATIONS.) DESPITE ALL QADHAFI STATED LAR STILL EXTENDS HAND OF COOPERATION TO SADAT.

6. IN AN APPEAL TO NUMEIRI QADHAFI SAID SUDANESE LEADER HAD EXCUSE FOR BELIEVING FOREIGN HANDS BEHIND

UPHEAVAL BECAUSE OF SADAT'S INSTIGATIONS AND ATTEMPTS TO SOW DISSENSION, BUT NUMEIRI MUST HAVE DISCOVERED TRUE FACTS BY NOW, AND NOT FALL INTO TRAP LAID BY SADAT. AS PROOF, QADHAFI INDICATED 8,000 SUDANESE WORKERS RECALLED BY NUMEIRI FROM LAR ARE BEING REPLACED BY SADAT WITH EGYPTIAN WORKERS TO SOLVE EGYPT'S UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM.

7. REFERRING TO LEBANON, QADHAFI STATED SYRIA COMMITTED HISTORIC MISTAKE IN INVADING LEBANON, AND ITS ROLE THERE. QADHAFI CLAIMED EFFORTS WERE ABOUT TO SUCCEED TO ESTABLISH NORTHERN FRONT THAT WOULD CONFRONT ZIONIST AGGRESSION AND LIBERATE PALESTINE AND ARAB TERRITORIES HAD THERE BEEN NO SYRIAN INVASION OF LEBANON.

COMMENT: THOUGH QUALIFIED, QADHAFI'S STATED INTENTION TO BREAK RELATIONS CAN BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY. THREAT APPEARS PROMPTED MORE SO BY THIS AWARENESS PRESENCE LARGE CONCENTRATION OF EGYPTIAN FORCES ON BORDER, THAN VILIFYING EGYPTIAN PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN. PUBLIC STANCE TAKEN BY QADHAFI ALMOST SURELY COMMITTS HIM TO EXECUTE THREAT. QADHAFI HAS CAREFULLY NUTURED IMAGEQ AMONGST LIBYANS AS BEING MAN OF HIS WORD. HE UNDOUBTEDLY MEASURED THREAT TO BREAK RELATIONS AGAINST LOSING FACE IN YET ANOTHER CONFRONTATION WITH EGYPTIANS. SPEECH IS ALSO NOTEWORTHY BECAUSE OF HIS REPEATED REFERENCE TO LIBYAN EFFORTS TO FORM IRAQI, ALGERIAN, LAR, PLO NORTHERN FRONT AND RESUME HOSTILITIES AGAINST ISRAEL. QADHAFI'S CONTINUOUS LAMENT OVER SYRIAN INVASION OF LEBANON SUGGESTS EXTENT TO WHICH HE BELIEVES WAR WITH ISRAEL WAS IMMINENT THIS JUNE HAD SYRIA NOT ATTACKED IN THE WRONG DIRECTION.

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